

REMARKS

Status of pending claims

Claims 1, 5-15, 17-20, 22-23, 25-28, 33-34, 36-43, and 50-60 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ogino (6,791,513) in view of McLaughlin (6,989,800). Claims 2-4, 16, 21, 24, 29-32, 35, and 44-49 have been objected to as containing allowable subject matter, but which depend from rejected base independent claims. Applicant discusses each claim group that begins within an independent claim separately below.

Claims 1-14

Claim 1 is an independent claim, from which claims 2-14 ultimately depend. Applicant has amended claim 1 to recite the allowable subject matter of claim 2, and has cancelled claims 2 and 5-7. Furthermore, Applicant has amended claims 3-4 to depend from claim 1 instead of from now-cancelled claim 2. Applicant thus submits that claim 1, and claims 3-4 and 8-14 that depend therefrom, are now allowable.

Claims 15-19

Claim 15 is an independent claim, from which claims 16-19 ultimately depend. Applicant has amended claim 15 to recite the allowable subject matter of claim 16, and has cancelled claims 16-17. Applicant thus submits that claim 16, and claims 18-19 that depend therefrom, are now allowable.

Claims 20-26

Claim 20 is an independent claim, from which claims 21-26 ultimately depend. Applicant has amended claim 20 to recite the allowable subject matter of claim 21, and has cancelled claims

21-22. Applicant thus submits that claim 20, and claims 23-26 that depend therefrom, are now allowable.

Claims 27-37

Claim 27 is an independent claim, from which claims 28-37 ultimately depend. Applicant has amended claim 27 to recite the allowable subject matter of claim 29, and the subject matter of claim 28 from which claim 29 directly depends. Applicant has cancelled claims 28-29 and 32. Applicant thus submits that claim 27, and claims 30-31 and 33-37 that depend therefrom, are now allowable.

Claims 38-50

Claim 38 is an independent claim, from which claims 39-50 ultimately depend. Applicant has amended claim 38 to recite the allowable subject matter of claim 44, and the subject matter of claim 43 from which claim 44 directly depends. Applicant has cancelled claims 43-44. Applicant has also amended claims 45-49 to depend from claim 38 instead of from now-cancelled claim 44. Applicant thus submits that claim 38, and claims 39-42 and 45-50, are now allowable.

Claim 51

Claim 51 is an independent claim. Applicant has amended claim 51 consistent with the manner in which claim 1 has been amended. Therefore, Applicant submits that claim 51 is allowable for the same reasons that claim 1 is allowable. If the Examiner disagrees, he is respectfully requested to contact Applicant's representative, Mike Dryja, with proposed claim language that would render claim 51 allowable if added to claim 51.

Claims 52-57

Claim 52 is an independent claim, from which claims 52-57 ultimately depend. Applicant has amended claim 52 consistent with the manner in which claim 1 has been amended. Applicant has cancelled claims 53-54, and has amended claims 55-57 to recite a “master” display module. Therefore, Applicant submits that claim 52 is allowable for the same reasons that claim 1 is allowable, and that claims 55-57 are allowable at least because they depend from an allowable base independent claim. If the Examiner disagrees, he is respectfully requested to contact Mike Dryja with proposed claim language that would render claim 52 allowable if added to claim 52.

Claims 58-60

Claim 58 is an independent claim, from which claims 59-60 ultimately depend. Applicant has amended claim 58 consistent with the manner in which claim 1 has been amended. Therefore, Applicant submits that claim 58 is allowable for the same reasons that claim 1 is allowable, and that claims 59-60 are allowable at least because they depend from an allowable base independent claim. If the Examiner disagrees, he is respectfully requested to contact Mike Dryja with proposed claim language that would render claim 58 allowable if added to claim 58.

Conclusion

Applicants have made a diligent effort to place the pending claims in condition for allowance, and request that they so be allowed. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Mike Dryja, Applicants' Attorney, at 480-463-4837, so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible. For these reasons, this application is now considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,



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